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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Raymond W. Ellis, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/496,009  
Filed: February 1, 2000  
Art Unit: 2786  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR WEB-BASED TOOL MANAGEMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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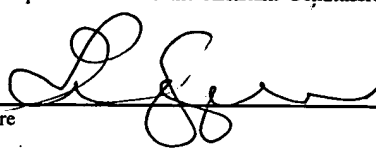
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